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Happy New Year. From Your Good Friends at Marietta Power and Marietta Water

All of us here at Marietta Power and Water wish you a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

As the New Year unfolds, you can count on us to continue providing you with a reliable source of electricity, water, and wastewater services. As your hometown utilities provider, Marietta Power and Water remain committed to your satisfaction.

We thank you for your business and look forward to serving you in 2007 and beyond.

2006 A Vear in Review



2006 was a momentous year for Marietta Power and Water as it commemorated its 100th anniversary. Even before the year began a stellar committee of Marietta Power and Water employees were hard at work planning and preparing for the celebratory year that would involve employees, customers and the entire community. And what a year it was!

Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue kicked off the year by presenting a proclamation to the Marietta Board of Lights and Water congratulating the organization for its 100 years of service to the City of Marietta and acknowledging its utility leadership for the entire State of Georgia.

Marietta Power and Water sponsored an array of numerous events throughout the year to celebrate the company's important milestone. Outdoor concerts, a poster contest, and a float in the City's annual July 4th parade were among the activities. So was a Marietta Power and Water scarecrow at Halloween at

Glover Park and a larger-than-life billboard display in the fall. A historic display, too, was assembled at the headquarters of the Board of Lights and Water (BLW) with items from the utility's 100 year history which were gathered and exhibited in a new showcase. A street on the Marietta Power and Water campus was named in honor of Harry Livingston, Jr. who, along with many others, played a pivotal role in the progress of Marietta Power in particular and in the progress of local electric service in Georgia in general.

After a full century of service, a history of Marietta Power and Water was commissioned to preserve the important details of all that had gone on before. A volunteer group of Marietta citizens came together to share memories and mementos to highlight the many accomplishments through the years. Listed in the history were the names of all Board Members who had ever served. Listed, too,

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were three individuals who lost their lives in service to the BLW. This written history — along with numerous other items from the company's history and letters from Mayor Bill Dunaway and BLW General Manager Bob Lewis — were buried in a time capsule which is to be reopened when Marietta Power and Water celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2056.

As Marietta Power and Water continues its dependable service into a second century, we are proud of what we have accomplished. We are pleased that we have played an important role in the history of this community. We are especially pleased that, you, our customers, are our partners as we look forward to the exciting and prosperous future ahead.



Protect Yourself From Electricity-Related Hazards During

EXTREME WINTER WEATHER

Plummeting temperatures and severe winter weather create a wide range of electricity-related hazards inside and out. To protect yourself from fire or electrocution, please keep the following tips in mind:

Avoid an Overload

Overloading circuits create fire hazards, and many electric heaters require a great deal of energy. You could have an overload if you must disconnect one appliance in order to plug in another, use Octopus outlets or extension cords extensively, or blow fuses or trip circuit breakers frequently. Other warning signs could include lights dimming when you use an appliance or heaters, toasters, or irons taking a long time to warm up. If you have any of these problems, have an electrician inspect and upgrade your electrical systems.

Check Cords and Outlets

Check the cords on your electric heaters every time you take them out of storage. Also, check your electrical outlets for cracks or other damage when you plug the heater

in. Replace heaters with defective cords and have your electrician replace damaged outlets.

Stay Away From Downed Power Lines

Treat power lines that break during ice storms in winter the same way you treat lines knocked down during summer thunderstorms. Steer clear and notify Marietta Power immediately.

Keep Heaters High and Dry

Don't place electrical heaters in locations where they could fall into standing water. In other words, keep them away from bathtubs, showers, kitchen sinks, and laundry rooms. If you insist on operating heaters in these areas, make sure your outlets have ground fault circuit interrupters to prevent shocks in case of an accident.

Seek Wide Open Spaces

Don't place heaters with exposed heating elements near draperies, furniture, piles of newspaper, or anything else that might ignite easily and cause a fire.

For more information on electrical safety, please visit www.mariettapower.com.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 11 Daddy Daughter Dance

Marietta Conference Center and Resort For more information call (770) 794-5601.

March 10 and 11

Coppelia: The Girl with the Enamel Eyes

Jenny T. Anderson Theatre Ballet's greatest comedy comes to life in this charming tale of love, beauty, and mistaken identity. For more information (770) 528-8490

For a complete list of City of Marietta events please visit www.mariettaga.gov and click on Calendar of Events.

March 11 through April 22

All The King's Men By Robert Penn Warren

Theatre on the Square

The story of Willie Stark, a southern politician who resorts to corrupt methods to accomplish good deeds. For more information (770) 422-8369

Sunday, April 29

Taste of Marietta

Marietta Square, Marietta

Free

Sponsored by the Marietta Welcome Center For more information (770) 429-1115.

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